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Mayor Thomas McMahon Announces Startup Of Public Safety Juniors Club At Southern Middle School

January 8, 2009: Mayor Thomas McMahon, Mayor of the City of Reading, Pennsylvania, and Joe Ayala, City of Reading Diversity Officer, announced today that a Public Safety Juniors Club will be starting up at Southern Middle School.

"This is part of our continued focus on programs for the City of Reading's youth in cooperation with the Reading School District. This pilot program exploring careers in public safety will be open to twenty-five students attending Southern Middle School. We're looking forward to expanding this to other Reading schools," stated McMahon. "Through this fifteen week, after-school program, we will be planting seeds for diversified career opportunities in police, fire and EMT departments," added Ayala.